

JACK

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BEANSTALK

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Jack and the Beanstalk.

Once upon a time there was a little boy named Jack, who lived with his widow mother in a very small cottage in which there was no furniture at all except one wooden stool and a rickety table, so Jack and his mother had to sleep on the floor, they were so very, very poor.

Jack's father had been a farmer, but he was dead, and as Jack was not big enough to dig, and plough, and attend to the Farm, and there was no one else to do it, soon all the money was spent, and there was none left to buy food for Jack and his mother, and hay for their good old cow, that they

had kept as long as they could, because the farmer had been fond of her. So then Jack's mother began to cry, and she told him that he must take the cow and sell her.

Jack was very sad, but he was a good little boy and wanted to help his mother, so he set off. He had not gone very far, when he met a man, to whom he told his tale. The man spoke very kindly to Jack, and said he would willingly buy the cow, but that, as he had no money with him, he



must give beans instead. So Jack took off his hat, and the man filled it with beans, saying that they would grow to be wonderful plants, and would make his fortune.

Jack ran home to his mother in high glee, but she, when she saw just common looking beans instead of pieces of gold, was





Jack sells the cow for a hat-ful of beans.



The Beanstalk in the morning.

very angry indeed and threw them out of the window. Jack was very sad, and he cried himself to sleep that evening. In the middle of the night he heard soft music, so he went and peeped out of the window, and there he saw a group of lovely little fairies with silver wings, and they were raking the ground with golden rakes, and singing at the same time. All of a sudden a little bell

tinkled, and the fairies shouldered their rakes and danced off into the forest.

Jack went and lay down again, and when he awoke next morning he thought he could not really have seen the fairies, but that he had dreamed it. He was very hungry and said to himself "if mother had only not thrown those beans away, I would have eaten some", and he went to the window to see if there were any still about. What was his surprise to find,





instead of a bean, a wonderful beanstalk, strong and tall, so tall, indeed, that the top was nowhere to be seen. "It must have a top", thought Jack, "and I mean to find it".

So he began climbing up the beanstalk, and he climbed and climbed, and at last reached the top which brought him on to a mountain where he saw a beautiful fairy who showed him a big Castle at some little

distance, and told him that in that Castle lived a dreadful Giant who would like to eat a little boy, but that Jack must be brave, and then he would get a lot of money for the Giant was very rich.

Jack thanked the kind fairy, and went to the Castle. There was a very big door, and he had to





Jack taking the bags of Gold.



Jack bringing the gold home to his mother.



stand on tip-toe to knock, and the knocker was very heavy, but he managed it at last, and then he saw a face looking out of a window. Jack thought it must be the Giant, but it was only the Giant's wife, a kind woman, who, when she saw how hungry he was, took him in, and gave him some dinner.

Jack was enjoying it very much, when the Giantess said, looking dreadfully frightened, "Oh, oh, here comes my husband, what shall I do?" Jack was frightened too, so he asked the woman to hide him, and she put him in the copper. Then there was a terrible knocking and stamping, and in came the Giant. Jack heard him, and shivered and shook, till he feared the Giant would hear his bones rattling.

"Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum,
I smell the blood of
an Englishman,
Let him be alive, or
let him be dead,





I'll grind his bones to
make my bread."
sang the Giant, and his
voice sounded like the
wind among the trees on
a very stormy day, or like
lions in a menagerie at
feeding time,

"Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum,"
and he walked all round
sniffing and snuffing, and
peeping and prying, into

all corners and places where he thought anyone
might be hidden; but as he did
not think that the English *man*
could be an English *boy*, and
for a *man* there was not room
in the copper, he did not
look in that. So then he
thought he must have made
a mistake, and that it was
his dinner he had smelt,
and he sat down to the
table, and he ate a great
deal, and drank a great
deal, and Jack lifted up the
lid of the copper, just a





The Giant at his dinner.

very little way, and watched him.

When the giant had eaten till he could eat no more, he took some bags full of gold out of his pocket and placed them by his side, and then he was so tired, that he lay back in his chair and went to sleep. "Now" thought Jack,

"is my time", so he climbed out of the copper and crept up to the Giant. He seized the bags of gold and ran to the window, but, just as he was getting out, the Giant's little dog who had been asleep all the time he had been eating, rushed after Jack and would have held him,

had not he quickly given him the bone of the cutlet which he had for dinner, and which he had been going on nibbling while he was in the copper. Then he jumped out of the window and ran home as quickly as he could.

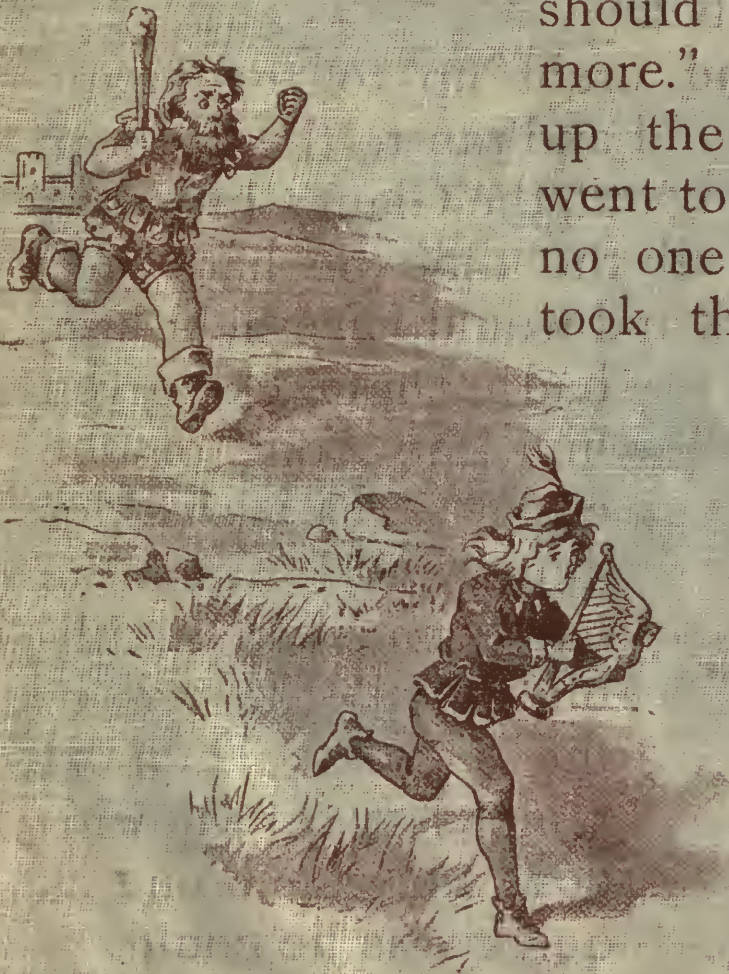


Jack's mother was delighted to see him again, and very much astonished when she saw the gold. Now, while the Giantess was feeding Jack, she had told him of a wonderful hen which her husband had, which, she said, laid golden eggs. Jack thought "if we had that hen we



should never be poor any more." So next day he climbed up the beanstalk again and went to the Castle. This time no one was at home, so he took the hen and got back safely, although she cackled so loudly that he thought the Giant must hear, wherever he might be.

And once more Jack went to the Castle, this time to fetch a lovely golden harp which he had





Jack runs away with the Fairy harp.

seen the giant place on the table beside him after dinner, and which sang beautiful songs when it was told. He got into the Castle all right, and took the harp while the Giant was having his afternoon sleep. But, the harp began to call out in a very loud voice,

"Master, Master, Wake, Wake,"

And the Giant *did* wake and he rushed after Jack with his dreadful club in his hand. Jack reached the beanstalk and clambered down as quickly as he could. As he got to the bottom he felt the stalk swaying terribly, and, looking up he saw that big, fierce Giant coming down after him. Jack's mother came running out of the cottage, and when she



saw what was happening she fetched a hatchet, which she gave to Jack, and he hacked, and hacked away at the beanstalk, and at last cut it right through. And it came tumbling down, and the Giant too, and he fell on his head and was killed.

And Jack and his mother bought back the cow and lived happy ever after.

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